

REMARKS

The non-final Office Action was issued on pending claims 1-19. Claims 1-11, 18 and 19 stand rejected and claims 12-17 were objected to. In this Response, claims 1, 3, 6, 8, 12, 14-16 and 19 have been amended, claims 2, 4 and 13 have been canceled and no claims have been added. Thus, claims 1, 3, 5-12 and 14-19 are pending in the application.

Applicants invite the Examiner to call Applicants' Representative to discuss any issues with this application.

Allowable Claims

At page 5 of the Office Action, claims 12-17 were objected as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants thank the Examiner for the notice of allowable claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the features of original claims 2, 4 and a portion of allowable claim 12.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §103

At pages 2-5 of the Office Action, claims 1-11, 18 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Hudson* (US 6,533,335) in view of *Matsushima et al.* (EP 1,088,490) and *Albanese et al.* (US 3,409,322). Applicants respectfully disagree.

As mentioned above, claim 1 has been amended to include the features of original claims 2, 4 and a portion of claim 12. Applicants note claim 12 was has been admitted in the Office Action as being allowable.

Amended claim 1 recites the feature, “an inner side surface of said cover member has a receptacle for receiving and holding at least the pull-tab or a part of a slider body, and has

moving interruption means for preventing a relative movement of the slider body and the cover member at a first position.” *Hudson, Matsushima et al.* and *Albanese et al.*, alone or in combination, if such combination is proper, do not disclose or suggest the features of amended claim 1.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit claim 1 is allowable. Dependent claims 3, 5-11, 18 and 19 are also allowable at least for the reasons above regarding claim 1 and because of their dependency from independent claim 1.

Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the §103(a) rejections have been overcome.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that the patent application is in condition for allowance and request a Notice of Allowance be issued.

Respectfully submitted,

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